

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Northern
States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy
for Certificates of Need for Four Large High
Voltage Transmission Line Projects in
Southwestern Minnesota

SECOND PREHEARING ORDER

The administrative law judge has consulted with the court reporter who will handle these proceedings and received questions concerning the First Prehearing Order. In order to correct an omission, clarify portions of the First Prehearing Order, and address matters raised by the court reporter,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The prehearing conference on May 1, 2002 will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Commission. Among other matters, the parties should be prepared to discuss the appropriate treatment of any trade secret information that may be introduced into evidence.
2. Any preliminary issues concerning the scope of the jurisdiction of the administrative law judge to address matters that may arise at hearing may be raised by motion to limit the evidence and shall be filed by April 11, 2002. Any response to such a motion shall be filed by April 25, 2002.
3. The parties are requested to file one copy of their direct testimony and rebuttal testimony with the court reporter, Shaddix & Associates, 9100 West Bloomington Freeway, Suite 122, Bloomington, MN 55431.
4. The parties are requested to send one copy of any motion or correspondence concerning scheduling in this matter to the court reporter.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2002.

BEVERLY JONES HEYDINGER
Administrative Law Judge